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Ms. Melanie Moore  
4550 Pershing Hall  
Room 102  
Fort Meade, MD 20756

Re: Final Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Implementation of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Enhanced Use Lease Actions (EUL) at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, August 2007  
(CEQ#20070395)

Dear Ms. Moore:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and Enhanced Use Lease Actions (EUL) at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Based on our review of the subject document and the response to our May 7, 2007 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we have the remaining concerns:

Response to Comment 48 states that formal delineation of wetlands and their potential to be impacted will be completed prior to the construction phase. We understand that it is difficult to assess impacts caused by construction activities at this point in the process. We recommend that impacts to all resources be fully assessed in the process and avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures be implemented. We also recommend that the team work closely with the state and federal agencies regarding these activities.

Response 56 states that the Army supports funding every 5 years for RT &E studies. We recommend that the team contact the appropriate state and federal agencies, by letter, annually regarding threatened and endangered species to account for changes in listing status.

Thank you for providing EPA the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions regarding these comments, the staff contact for this project is Barbara Okorn; she can be reached at 215-814-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William Arguto", is positioned above the printed name.

William Arguto  
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